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CHRISTOPHER C. HEARD SR.

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THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Of

Christopher C. Heard, Sr.

July 16, 1928 *September 27, 1993*

Saturday, October 2, 1993

1:30 P.M.

Hays Tabernacle C.M.E. Church

10121 South Central Avenue

Los Angeles, California

Rev. Monroe Woods, Jr., Pastor

Elder Odell Heard

Officiant/Pastor of
Bright Star Church of God in Christ

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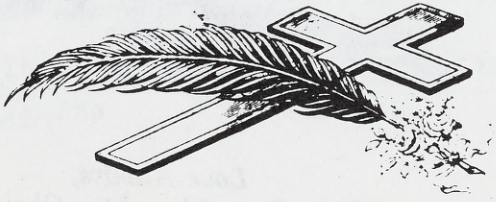

"I Am Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play . . .
Tasks left undone must stay that way . . .
I found that place at the close of day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my times seemed all to brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me FREE.

On and On . . .

Whenever I was down
You always lifted me up . . .

Whenever you gave a hug
I always could feel the love . . .

Whenever you gave advice
I always sat and listened . . .
Because I know you always spoke
Words of Wisdom . . .

Well now, the time has come
When you have left and gone . . .
But you will always be my Papa, forever

on
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on . . .

Love Always,
Your Granddaughter, Christhi

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN OF PRAISE—"What A Fellowship"... Congregation & Choir

PRAYER..... Elder Robert Jessie

SCRIPTURES
Old Testament — Psalm 23..... Rev. Gary Williams
Pastor, Second Holy Faith B.C.

New Testament — St. John 14:1-6..... Eld. Willie Broom

SOLO — "That's Heaven To Me"..... Mr. Henry Sims

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTION..... Sis. Edora Broom

SELECTION..... Mrs. Dorothy Speach
"I Don't Know What I'll Do Without The Lord"

A LETTER TO DADDY..... Mrs. Jeane Jones

REMARKS (2 Minutes)..... Sis. Pearlina Bell
Rev. Monroe Woods, Jr., Pastor Hays Tabernacle C.M.E. Church
Rev. Calvin Scott, Pastor Community Methodist Church
Rev. Kerry Wesley, Pastor Antioch Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

SOLO — "Tomorrow"..... Ms. Stephanie Smith

SOLO — "Precious Lord"..... Sis. Sylvia Bennett

SPECIAL TRIBUTE — "On And On". Ms. Christhi Tanzania Vault

SELECTION..... Choir

EULOGY..... Elder Odell Heard

PARTING VIEW (Medley of Songs)..... Choir
"Walk Around Heaven"
"When The Saints Go Marching In" - "Goin' Up Yonder"

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A Letter To Daddy

DEAR DADDY,

We cherished every moment we have been blessed to enjoy with you.

You have been our Rock of Gibraltar and our strength to see us through. We want to say again Dad, we love you and we will always cherish our lifetime with you.

We appreciate your devoted love and time spent in nurturing our children.

You were always there when we needed you. You provided us with unconditional love. And made sure that we were never without food, shelter or clothing, and that we each received a good education.

For all the holidays you helped to brighten,
For all the everydays you filled with fun,
For all the times that you were there to listen,
And laugh with us and love us, everyone,
For all the special treats that you provided.

The wishes that you tried so to fulfill. For these and for a million more good reasons . . .

We love you now — and Dad, we always will!

Love Always,
Gloria, Christopher
Catherine, Marshal

"Just to know I've done my best as I go to take my rest. Let my name be with the blest today."

On the evening of September 27, 1993, the angel of death sealed the lips of Christopher Columbus Heard. Sr., who was born July 16, 1928 in Emerson, Arkansas to Elder Christopher T. and Lula Heard.

He received his early childhood and high school education in the community of Noxube. Christopher became a Christian when quite a young man at Heards Chapel Church of God in Christ in Emerson, Arkansas.

He moved to Los Angeles, California September 6, 1946 and united with Community Church of God in Christ. He later united with Bright Star Church of God in Christ under the pastorage of Elder Wesley Dixon. Christopher rededicated his belief in Christ Jesus August 8, 1993 and remained faithful until his death. He was a very dedicated servant. He sang with the Goldenaires Gospel Quartet for many, many years.

Christopher was not selfish, hence he felt that he needed someone to walk by his side, so he married his childhood sweetheart, Mossie Lee Jones on October 25, 1947. This union was blessed with four children.

He was industrious and dedicated to self-help. He instilled this belief in the rearing of his own children. His industrious nature lead him to become an entrepreneur, eventually managing and operating his own business in the community while maintaining a full time job.

Christopher was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. While he worked very, very hard and many, many long hours, he never failed to find time for his family members and loved ones.

Christopher was employed as a Baker for more than 38 years and was last employed with Certified Grocers until his retirement August 26, 1993. Since 1955, he had been an active member of The Bakers Union, Local No. 37.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving and devoted wife of 45 years, Mossie Lee Jones-Heard; four children: Gloria Christener Heard-Wills, Christopher Columbus Heard, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA; Catherine Heard-Vault and Marshal Ray Heard of Palmdale, CA; five grandchildren: Christhi Tanzania Vault, Rhainette Maree Heard, Alexander Irving Vault, Mary Catherine Heard, Michael Patterson; four brothers: Elisha, Laydell, Elder Odell Heard, all of Los Angeles, CA, and A.W. Jones of Houston, TX; one sister: Erma Jean McMillon of Compton, CA; one aunt: Rosie McDonald of Emerson, AR; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends who will love and miss him dearly.

Pallbearers

CHRISTOPHER C. HEARD, JR.
MARSHAL RAY HEARD
RONALD VAULT
LAYDELL HEARD
CALVIN WESLEY
WILLIE C. HEARD

Honorary Pallbearers

Odell Heard, Jr.
James Earl Lindsey
Elisha Heard
Cory Rhodes
Eddie C. Newman
Artis Heard
Noah S. Jones
Emile Bennett
A.W. Jones
Herman Love
James Blanks

INTERMENT
Inglewood Park Cemetery

REPAST after interment at Hays Tabernacle C.M.E. Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family expresses sincere gratitude to the friends who showed their concern with prayers, visits, flowers, cards, gifts and other comforting expressions. You have comforted us in a time of need. The family is grateful for your treasured friendship.

Family

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Directors in Charge